

FROM THE EDITOR. The NDOA *Newsletter* is published quarterly, and the next edition, Issue 2/2020, will be sent to members at the beginning of April. We do hope you will enjoy it when it arrives. In the meantime, we are very conscious members will now find themselves in the unique position of having no services at which to play, and may also be self-isolating in accordance with government guidelines.

This *Newsletter Extra* contains some suggestions for sources of music, worship and much-needed entertainment related to our shared love of the organ. They might perhaps allow you to pass an enforced period of social distancing as tolerably as is possible in the circumstances. Do please email other suggestions to editor@northamptonorganists.org.uk and we will gladly pass them on.



NDOA RESOURCES. Website: <http://northamptonorganists.org.uk/>. Following the complete redesign of our website you will find much of interest, including an online archive of the *Newsletter* over a number of years - more than 30 editions with a wealth of interesting material about our activities and organs in Northamptonshire and beyond.



FACEBOOK. We are also on Facebook at @northamptonorganists and will try to keep you informed of the changing organ position locally through both the website and the Facebook page. If you aren't yet on Facebook, why not think about joining up now? Do have a look and let the Editor know what else you would like to see posted there.

There are lots of other Facebook groups which may be of interest including the UK Organist & Choirmaster Group, the Facebook Organists' Association, the IAO, RSCM and RCO as well as many churches and cathedrals. Just search their name in Facebook.

WORSHIP ON THE WEB. We may all be restricted in how we can gather in person, but quite a number of churches are now livestreaming their daily and Sunday services. Just some of the local - and national - streams include:



- Peterborough Diocese links at <https://crosskeysmag.org.uk/?p=3300>
- Northampton Cathedral livestreams its services at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/live/>
- All Saints' Earls Barton. Livestreaming services on the church's Facebook page every Wednesday and Sunday at 10am, and with Vicar the Rev Jenny Ingram leading Morning Prayer at 9am and Compline at 9pm on Instagram with the Instagram name of *thevicartoday*.
- St Mary the Virgin, Kenton. Live streaming of Morning Prayer at 9am, Mass at 9.30 and Evening Prayer at 5.45 weekdays and Mass at 10.30am Sunday at <https://www.stmaryskenton.org/>
- Peterborough Cathedral is planning to livestream some services over Easter <https://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/Default.aspx>



ORGAN MUSIC ONLINE. We may be unable to play our normal services and recitals, but lots of people are putting their music online. Just a few of the very different options you may like to try include:

- St Edmundsbury Cathedral. The Cathedral organists are putting up a new YouTube video each day of organ music to enjoy, with accompanying text by the Precentor. <https://stedscathedral.org/worship/>
- Derby Cathedral. The Cathedral organists are putting up music daily on Facebook @derbycathedral.
- Gert van Hoef, the hugely talented young Dutch organist <https://www.gertvanhoef.nl/>
- Organized Crime Duo. If you thought you knew Rachel Mahon, Coventry's DoM-elect, see her in a new light at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jlvlokt8QcY>.



ORGAN MEDIA The NDOA *Newsletter* touched on some sources of the organ in the media in an article last year, but for ease of reference the main options we touched on are set out below. They're easy to access with a computer, tablet, smartphone or streaming system - and have more than enough organ music to get us through self-isolation. Explore and enjoy:

- Organlive.com. Broadcasting since 2003, <https://www.organlive.com/> is a listener-supported internet audio station with a focus on music of the classical organ. It maintains a growing library of music that currently contains over 21,000 tracks. Its library features classical organ music performed on pipe, electronic, and combination instruments recorded all over the world. It can also be heard using an App, iTunes or Windows Media Player.
- The Organ Experience and Positively Baroque are related sites to Organlive.com. The Organ Experience broadcasts sound blocks of up to 2 hours of related music, while Positively Baroque covers, well, wall-to-wall Baroque. Access both via <https://www.organlive.com/>
- Pipedreams®. A weekly podcast of the America Public Media Pipedreams® programme is available at <https://pipedreams.publicradio.org/> or in the UK sometimes more easily through <https://www.organlive.com/>. An archive of more than 30 years of programmes is available for listening.
- OrganMagic <http://www.outpostradio.com/organmagic/> is another 24/7 internet radio station, this time supported by ads, which can be heard via [outpostradio.com/organmagic](http://www.outpostradio.com/organmagic). Covering organ music from baroque to the 21st century, again it can be found on the App store, on Android or Windows Media Player.
- Organroxx.com https://www.organroxx.com/en_US/ is an internet station based in Belgium, but which in addition to its broadcast media, has its own recording studio, label, an on-line shop for organ and organ-related media, as well as a management agency for organists.
- Organ1stradio. <http://organradio.com/> Are you missing *The Organist Entertains* from Radio 2? If your interests encompass theatre, digital and keyboards, then the outstanding 60-minute podcasts available on organradio.com from the former BBC presenter Alan Ashton may be just the thing!



DO-IT-YOURSELF! No, we're not suggesting you should join those of your neighbours about to take advantage of isolation to redecorate or to give the garden a makeover, but that you might be planning to extend your repertoire, to carve out some precious time to practice - or even to write an article for the *Newsletter*. Tell us what you're getting up to and share your ideas.

- Learn some new music? Many music shops will deliver and will appreciate your custom, including <https://sheetorganmusic.co.uk/>. You could also try the free organ music scores to download at <https://www.free-scores.com/Download-PDF-Sheet-Music-giordaniello.htm>
- Write something. We won't, obviously, have any *Newsletter* articles on Association events for a while, so why not write something about the organ - or organs - which you play, for publication?
- Play something. Tell us if you're playing to aid private prayer while observing social distancing, or putting your own music on line, and we'll share the links for friends to enjoy.
- And most importantly, talk to your friends and fellow members - by phone, by email, by social media such as our Facebook page @northamptonorganists. Stay in touch and prepare for the time when our music will again be heard publicly by all to proclaim the glory of God.

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